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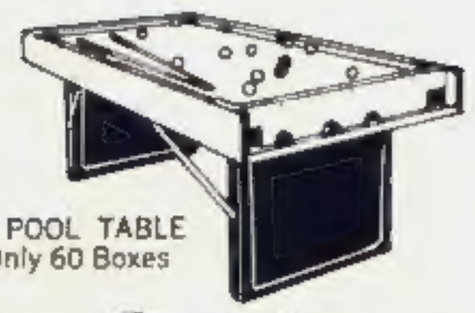

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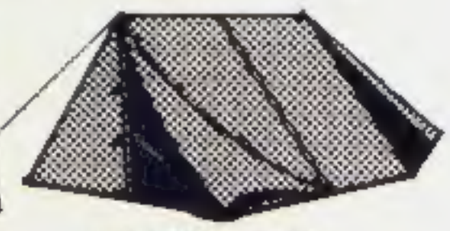

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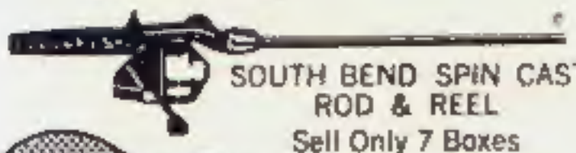

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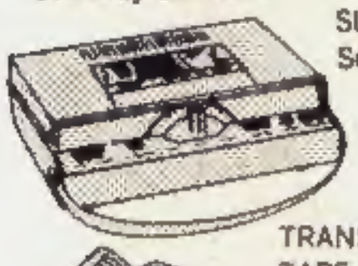

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SUPERGIRL

THIS IS KARA, DAUGHTER OF ZOR-EL... BORN IN ARGO CITY, WHICH SURVIVED THE DESTRUCTION OF THE PLANET KRYPTON.

WHEN KRYPTONITE POISONING DOOMED ARGO CITY, HER FATHER SENT KARA TO EARTH, WHERE SHE BECAME SUPERGIRL.

THE MAID OF MIGHT ADOPTED STILL ANOTHER IDENTITY...LINDA LEE DANVERS, NOW A STUDENT AT STANHOPE COLLEGE.

AND IN THIS TALE, THE GIRL OF STEEL TAKES ON HER MOST STARTLING IDENTITY... WHEN SHE BECOMES THE LEADER OF...

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THE SUPERGIRL GANG

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MIDNIGHT IN METROPOLIS... MOST CITIZENS ARE SOUND ASLEEP...

...BUT FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS, A DAY'S WORK IS JUST BEGINNING!

STEALTHILY, METHODICALLY, THE SHAPELY INTRUDERS PROWL THE TERRACE OF THE BUILDING'S FABULOUS PENTHOUSE...

THEIR INTENTIONS ARE OBVIOUS--BURGLARY!

AND MILES AWAY, ANOTHER FEMALE IS ALSO ACTIVE TONIGHT...

MY EMERGENCY MISSION IS OVER... BUT BEFORE I RETURN TO STANHOPE COLLEGE, I'LL TAKE A QUICK TOUR OF METROPOLIS!

SUPERMAN WON'T BE BACK FROM HIS LATEST JUSTICE LEAGUE CASE UNTIL TOMORROW... SO IT'S UP TO ME TO KEEP CRIME IN CHECK IN THE CITY!

HURRY UP WITH THE *PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE*--BUT DON'T GET *CARELESS!* REMEMBER HOW WE WERE INSTRUCTED IN *TRAINING!*

THIS SHOULD BE AN EASY PATROL! SO FAR, EVERYTHING IS AS PEACEFUL AS A *MORGUE!*

BRUMM!

OH-OH! AN EXPLOSION...NOT VERY LOUD, BUT *MY* SUPER-HEARING WAS TUNED IN FOR *ANY* UNUSUAL SOUNDS IN THE AREA!

THE BLAST CAME FROM THIS DIRECTION! SAY! THAT PENTHOUSE BELONGS TO RAYMOND LETTY, THE RICHEST MAN IN *METROPOLIS!* BUT HE'S VACATIONING IN EUROPE...HIS PLACE SHOULD BE *EMPTY!*

ACCORDING TO OUR TIME-TABLE, THE OTHERS HAVE THREE *MORE MINUTES* TO FINISH WITH THE SAFE AND REJOIN US! THEN WE'LL ALL SPLIT!

FIRST A BLAST...NOW A *LIGHT!*

WE'RE RIGHT ON SCHEDULE--WITH 45 SECONDS TO SPARE!

BUT OUTSIDE, A GRIM CONFRONTATION IS ALREADY BEGINNING...

SUPERGIRL!

STRIKE... NOW!

A SMOKE GRENADE...AND A CHEMICAL BOMB! THEY'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN *THIS* IF THEY EXPECT EVEN TO SLOW ME UP!

HURRY! WARN THE OTHERS!

GREAT KRYPTON! THERE ARE *FIVE* OF THEM... *ALL GIRLS*-- ABOUT MY AGE!

MY X-RAY VISION SHOWS THEY'RE FLEEING OUT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PENTHOUSE!

WE *CAN'T* BE CAPTURED! WE MUST REPORT BACK TO *TELIX!*

RIGHT! *TELIX* IS WAITING!

THEN, UNEXPECTEDLY...

HOLD ON TIGHT, GIRLS! I'LL HAVE YOU AT THE POLICE STATION IN A JIF!

SUPERGIRL-- SHE CAUGHT US!

THAT GIRL CARRYING THE MONEY SATCHEL-- HER VOICE SOUNDS FAMILIAR!

=GASP= I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! SHE'S JUDY BELSON-- ONE OF MY CLASSMATES AT STANHOPE!

A FEW MINUTES LATER, AT THE PRECINCT STATION...

HMPH! THAT'S A WEIRD GROUP, ALL RIGHT! NOT ONE OF THEM SAYING A WORD! ...LIKE THEY WERE IN A DAZE!

I COULDN'T HAVE PUT IT BETTER MYSELF!

I KNOW JUDY... AND SHE'S NOT THE TYPE TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL THIEF! THE OTHER GIRLS DON'T LOOK LIKE CROOKS, EITHER!

JUDY'S PARENTS ARE WEALTHY... THEY'LL HAVE HER OUT ON BAIL PRONTO! I THINK I'LL STICK AROUND --BUT AS LINDA DANVERS!

SO THE NEXT DAY, IN HER SECRET IDENTITY, THE PRINCESS OF POWER SHOWS UP AT THE STATION...

IT WAS NICE OF YOU TO COME TO METROPOLIS TO GET ME, LINDA! MY PARENTS WANTED TO COME... B-BUT I COULDN'T FACE THEM... RIGHT NOW!

I UNDERSTAND, JUDY!

POLICE

SOON, ON THE TRAIN BACK TO STANHOPE...

...AND I KNOW I WAS CAUGHT COMMITTING A ROBBERY AT THAT PENTHOUSE... BUT I *CAN'T REMEMBER* DOING IT!

I'M USING MY *SUPER-HEARING* TO CHECK HER PULSE-RATE-- ACTING AS A HUMAN *LIE-DETECTOR!* HER HEART-BEAT IS REGULAR... SHE'S TELLING THE TRUTH!

I REMEMBER LEAVING MY BIOLOGY CLASS OVER TWO DAYS AGO...THEN *NOTHING* TILL I WAS BEING BOOKED BY THE POLICE! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THIS *MEMORY-LAPSE!*

IT SURE IS A PUZZLER!

SOMEONE HAS CLEVERLY MANIPULATED JUDY--AND THOSE OTHER GIRLS-- SO THEY'D COMMIT CRIMES, BUT COULDN'T *TESTIFY* AGAINST THE *MASTERMIND!*

IT'S IRONIC-- HERE I AM, A CRIMINAL... OUT ON BAIL... I'VE YET BEEN TAKING NIGHT COURSES TO BECOME A *CRIME-FIGHTER!*

YOU GO TO A SCHOOL FOR CRIME-FIGHTING? WHERE?

IT'S NOT FAR FROM THE CAMPUS! HERE'S THEIR CARD!

HMMM... VERY INTERESTING!

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MY *SUPER-INTUITION* TELLS ME *THIS CARD* IS THE LEAD I NEED TO CRACK THE CASE!

THE NEXT DAY, THE *GIRL OF STEEL* FLIES OFF TO CHECK ON THE *SLEUTH SCHOOL!*

WELL! A FEW WEEKS AGO, THIS BUILDING WAS A DILAPIDATED, UNUSED THEATER! I OFTEN PASSED OVER IT ON PATROL! THOSE 'TEC TEACHERS SURE MOVED IN *FAST!*

SLEUTH SCHOOL

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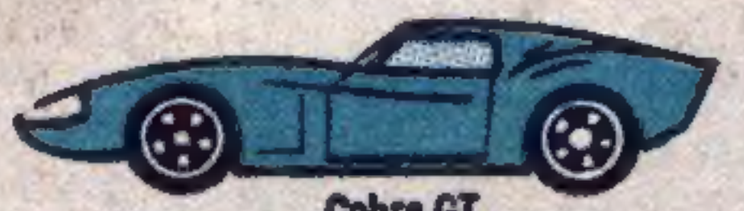
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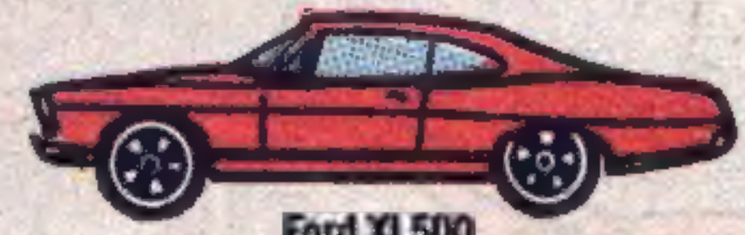
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THIS IS EVEN MORE INTERESTING...AND SUSPICIOUS! THE WALLS ARE LINED WITH LEAD, WHICH BLOCKS MY X-RAY VISION!

IT'S AS IF THEY EXPECTED SUPERMAN OR ME TO BE SNOOPING AROUND HERE!

LATER THAT AFTERNOON, BACK ON CAMPUS...

SAY, WHAT'S THE BIG ATTRACTION? I THINK I'LL HAVE A LOOK MYSELF!

...AND ANY OF YOU GIRLS HERE AT STANHOPE CAN BECOME A FULL-FLEDGED SLEUTH--LIKE THIS YOUNG LADY!

MISS MERRIL, GIVE THEM A DEMONSTRATION!

SLEUTH SCHOOL

EXCEPT FOR THE LETTERING, THAT LOOKS LIKE THE SAME SORT OF OUT-FIT JUDY WAS WEARING WHEN I PICKED HER UP! I'LL STICK AROUND AND TAKE IN THEIR PITCH!

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BUT WE CAN'T STICK AROUND, BECAUSE IT'S TIME FOR A BREAK! HOWEVER, WE PROMISE YOU WON'T MISS ANYTHING! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS READ PART II!

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...AND EACH OF OUR STUDENTS IS THOROUGHLY FAMILIARIZED WITH THE *METHODS* AND *TECHNIQUES* OF *CRIMINALS!* THAT WAY, A *SLEUTH* IS BETTER EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH THE UNDERWORLD!

AND THIS WEEK ONLY, EVERY *THREE* GIRLS WHO APPLY TOGETHER AT OUR SCHOOL... WILL BE ADMITTED FOR THE PRICE OF *TWO!*

THE MORE I HEAR ABOUT THIS SET-UP-- THE MORE I'D BE WILLING TO BET THAT THE *SLEUTH SCHOOL* IS BEHIND THAT ALL-GIRL ROBBERY TEAM!

RESPONDING TO A SUDDEN IMPULSE, LINDA QUICKLY DROPS OUT OF SIGHT, CHANGES GARB--AND WITHIN MINUTES...

I HAVE A HUNCH THE CHARACTER WHO RAN THAT DEMONSTRATION HAS A RECORD!

AND THE *BATCAVE* HAS THE BEST CRIME-FILE THIS SIDE OF THE F.B.I. HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON! AH! THERE'S THE *WAYNE ESTATE*, WHERE *BATMAN* LIVES IN HIS OTHER IDENTITY!

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BATMAN AND ROBIN MUST BE OUT ON A CASE, BUT I'M SURE THEY WON'T MIND MY LOOKING AROUND!

THEIR CRIME-COMPUTER'S PROCESSING SYSTEM IS FAST-- BUT WITH SUPER-SPEED, I CAN FIND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR EVEN FASTER!

JUST AS I SUSPECTED! HE'S SERVED TIME ON SEVERAL CHARGES... INCLUDING BURGLARY AND BUNKO... OR SWINDLING! HIS NAME IS ALBERT MAXOM!

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BUT THAT DOESN'T PROVE HIS SCHOOL ISN'T LEGIT!

TO GET JUDY AND THOSE OTHER GIRLS OFF THE HOOK --I'LL NEED TO GET THE GOODS ON MAXOM! AND I THINK THIS TIME LINDA DANVERS CAN DO THE JOB BETTER THAN SUPERGIRL!

THE NEXT DAY...

I'M WITH YOU ON THE SLEUTH BIT, DIANE! IT SOUNDS LIKE A GAS-- BUT I CAN ONLY AFFORD THE LESSONS IF WE GET A THIRD GIRL TO JOIN WITH US!

DON'T WORRY! WE'LL FIND SOMEONE!

HOT DISHES

THIS IS MY CHANCE!

YOU'VE FOUND HER, GIRLS!

AND SO, THAT NIGHT...

WHAT A GROOVY SET-UP!

WONDER WHAT IT'S LIKE INSIDE?

I'M KIND OF ANXIOUS TO FIND THAT OUT MYSELF...SO I'LL KEEP MY SUPER-SENSES ALERT FOR ANYTHING THAT'S EVEN SLIGHTLY SUSPICIOUS!

SLEUTH SCHOOL

THREE NEW APPLICANTS TO SEE YOU, MR. MAXOM!

FINE! SEND THEM UP TO THE *INDOCTRINATION ROOM!*

BUT WHEN THE GIRLS REACH THAT ROOM...

WHAT'S UP? WHY NOBODY TO MEET US?

ARE WE SUPPOSED TO FIGURE OUT WHO STOLE THE FURNITURE FROM THIS CRAZY, ROUND ROOM?

SUDDENLY, THREE PANELS SLIDE OPEN, AND...

EEK! IS *THIS* THE SCHOOL'S RECEPTION COMMITTEE?

THEY'RE *BIG*...BUT THEY DON'T LOOK VERY *BRIGHT!*

HMMMM...

LET GO, YOU ILL-MANNERED APE!

TURN ME LOOSE, OR I'LL SCRATCH YOUR EYES OUT!

GET YOUR MITTS OFF ME, BUSTER!

I'LL PLAY ALONG--BUT WE'RE IN *NO DANGER!*

UNEXPECTEDLY...

HUH? WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THEM?

I DON'T DIG THIS SCENE!

VERY GOOD, GIRLS! YOU ALL HAVE PASSED *TEST NUMBER ONE!*

MANY APPLICANTS EITHER FAINTED OR PANICKED DURING THIS TEST! BUT EACH OF YOU GIRLS STOOD FIRM AND *FOUGHT BACK!*

THANKS FOR TELLING US! BUT WHAT'S WITH THOSE BRUISERS?

THEY JUST-- *CONKED OUT!*

EXACTLY, MISS! THEY'RE ONLY LIFE-LIKE *ROBOTS*, WHICH WE USE FOR TRAINING PURPOSES! I DEACTIVATED THEM WITH MY REMOTE-CONTROL UNIT!

MAXOM'S MECHANICAL THUGS MAY HAVE FOOLED SANDY AND DIANE, BUT NOT *ME!* MY *SUPER-HEARING* PICKED UP THE HUMMING OF THEIR ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS!

GIRLS, I AM IN CHARGE OF THE *SLEUTH SCHOOL*...SO IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS, COME TO ME!

MY NAME IS *JONATHAN MAXOM!*

JONATHAN? BUT THE FILE-CARD CALLED HIM *ALBERT!* IS HE USING AN *ALIAS*... OR...?

ACROSS MANY MILES, TO *GOTHAM CITY*, LINDA DIRECTS HER UNCANNY *SUPER-SIGHT*...

OH-OH! I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO HASTY WHEN I CHECKED UP ON MAXOM! *THIS* GUY ISN'T THE CRIMINAL--HIS *BROTHER* IS!

MAXOM

SUBJECT'S ONLY LIVING RELATIVE: A TWIN BROTHER, JONATHAN... NO CRIMINAL RECORD.

FIRST ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEWCOMERS' FIRST NIGHT--A *CRIMINOLOGY* LECTURE...

CLASS, WE WILL TAKE UP THE SCIENCE OF CLUE-ANALYSIS!

HMMM...EXCEPT FOR MAXOM, IT APPEARS *EVERY* MEMBER OF THE STAFF HERE IS *FEMALE!*

NEXT, TRAINING IN PHYSICAL COMBAT...

LOOSEN UP, DANVERS! YOU'RE TOO STIFF!

I HAVE TO FEIGN AWK-WARDNESS IN ORDER TO COVER UP MY SUPER-ABILITIES!

BUT ONE OF THE ADVANCED STUDENTS IS OUTDOING HER INSTRUCTOR...

UFF!... VERY GOOD, BARBOUR!

TWO RIGOROUS HOURS LATER, AFTER CLASSES HAVE ENDED FOR THE NIGHT...

I FORGOT MY PURSE-- YOU TWO GO ON! I'LL CATCH UP WITH YOU LATER.

OKAY, LINDA!

GOOD! I'M ALONE NOW--THEY'VE CLOSED UP FOR THE DAY! HERE'S MY CHANCE TO DO SOME *AFTER-HOURS SLEUTHING* ON MY OWN!

ENTRANCE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN

THAT DOOR UP AHEAD HAS A HEAVY LOCK-- BUT IT CAN'T STOP *ME!*

AND AS THE DOOR SWINGS OPEN...

DANVERS! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

:ULP!:

I'VE BLOWN IT NOW!

STAY WHERE YOU ARE, DANVERS! WE'LL BE RIGHT IN!

I'D BETTER THINK OF AN ALIBI *FAST!*

CLEVER! A GIANT, CLOSED CIRCUIT TV SYSTEM TO SPOT INTRUDERS!

SCANT MOMENTS LATER...

I KNOW THE SIGN SAYS TO KEEP OUT, BUT I NOTICED THE LOCK ON THE DOOR LOOKED *FAULTY!* SO I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF CHECKING IT, AND...

SHE'S *RIGHT*, MR. MAXOM! THE LOCK HAS BEEN *SERIOUSLY DAMAGED!*

NATURALLY...AFTER I APPLIED *SUPER-PRESSURE* TO IT TO GET IN!

I APOLOGIZE, MISS DANVERS! OBVIOUSLY, YOU'RE AN ALERT GIRL WHO THINKS ON HER FEET!

BUT NOW THAT YOU'RE IN HERE, I MIGHT AS WELL GIVE YOU A TOUR! THIS CHAMBER IS FOR OUR *NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTS!*

THEN, AS A DARKENED AREA OF THE ROOM IS SUDDENLY LIT...

YOU MEAN... THAT THING IS...

...A *NUCLEAR REACTOR!* YES! WE'RE EXPERIMENTING WITH THE POSSIBILITIES OF USING ATOMIC FUEL PACKS FOR OUR ANTI-CRIME WEAPONS!

TO PROTECT AGAINST AN ACCIDENTAL OVERLOAD IN THE ATOMIC PILE, ALL THE WALLS HERE ARE LINED WITH *LEAD!*

MAYBE I'VE BEEN NEEDLESSLY SUSPICIOUS! MAYBE THE LEAD WALLS *ARE* MEANT TO BLOCK RADIOACTIVITY --AND NOT MY *X-RAY VISION!* COULD THE *SLEUTH SCHOOL* BE ON THE UP-AND-UP, AFTER ALL?

THE NEXT DAY, AT *STANHOPE*...

THIS SAYS "WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN RE-EVALUATED...AND YOU ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE STANDARDS OF THE *SLEUTH SCHOOL*. YOUR DEPOSIT WILL BE REFUNDED!"

YOU'VE GOT ME!

MY LETTER IS *IDENTICAL!* WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THAT?

HERE GOES MY INTUITION AGAIN! SANDY'S FATHER IS A *LAWYER*...DIANE'S IS A *POLICEMAN!* OFFHAND, I'D SAY MAXOM FIGURES THEY'RE TOO BIG A *RISK* TO HIS ORGANIZATION!

AND SO, THAT NIGHT, LINDA RETURNS TO SCHOOL ALONE, BUT...

BEGINNER CLASSES CANCELLED FOR TONIGHT

SORRY...MR. MAXOM IS CONCENTRATING ON HIS *ADVANCED* CLASS TONIGHT...THEY'RE GOING OUT ON A *FIELD ASSIGNMENT!* COME BACK TOMORROW NIGHT!

ER...I WILL!

LINDA LEAVES--BUT RETURNS AS *SUPERGIRL*...

REPORT BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE--AND REMEMBER YOUR *INSTRUCTIONS!*

THIS MAY BE THE BREAK I'VE BEEN AFTER! I'LL JUST TAG ALONG BEHIND THE ADVANCED CLASS AND SEE WHAT THEIR "FIELD ASSIGNMENT" IS!

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A HALF-HOUR LATER...

ONE OF THE BIGGEST JEWELRY STORES IN *METROPOLIS* -- A PRETTY WILD LOCALE FOR DETECTIVE PRACTICE!

BRADY JEWELERS

AND A FEW MOMENTS AFTER THE FOUR TRAINEES HAVE ENTERED THE BUILDING...

OH, NO! THE POLICE HAD *BRADY'S* STAKED OUT! THOSE TWO OFFICERS ARE ARRESTING THE GIRL LEFT BEHIND TO DRIVE THE GETAWAY CAR!

THEY'LL BE WAITING FOR THE OTHERS WHEN THEY COME OUT!

COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS RAISED!

THE *MAID OF MIGHT* MAKES A DIFFICULT DECISION...

IF THOSE GIRLS ARE ARRESTED NOW, I'M SURE THEY'LL SUFFER MEMORY LAPSES--JUST LIKE THE GIRLS I CAPTURED! WE'LL STILL HAVE NOTHING ON MAXOM!

I'LL HAVE TO *HELP* THE THIEVES *ESCAPE!*

A MOMENT LATER...

FREEZE! HANDS UP, ALL OF YOU!

SUPERGIRL IS ABOUT TO DISTRACT THE OFFICERS, WHEN...

OOOFF!

HOLD IT, YOU!

BUT THE REFLEXES OF THE FEMALE FELON ARE LIGHTNING-QUICK...

UHH! SHE'S TOO FAST!

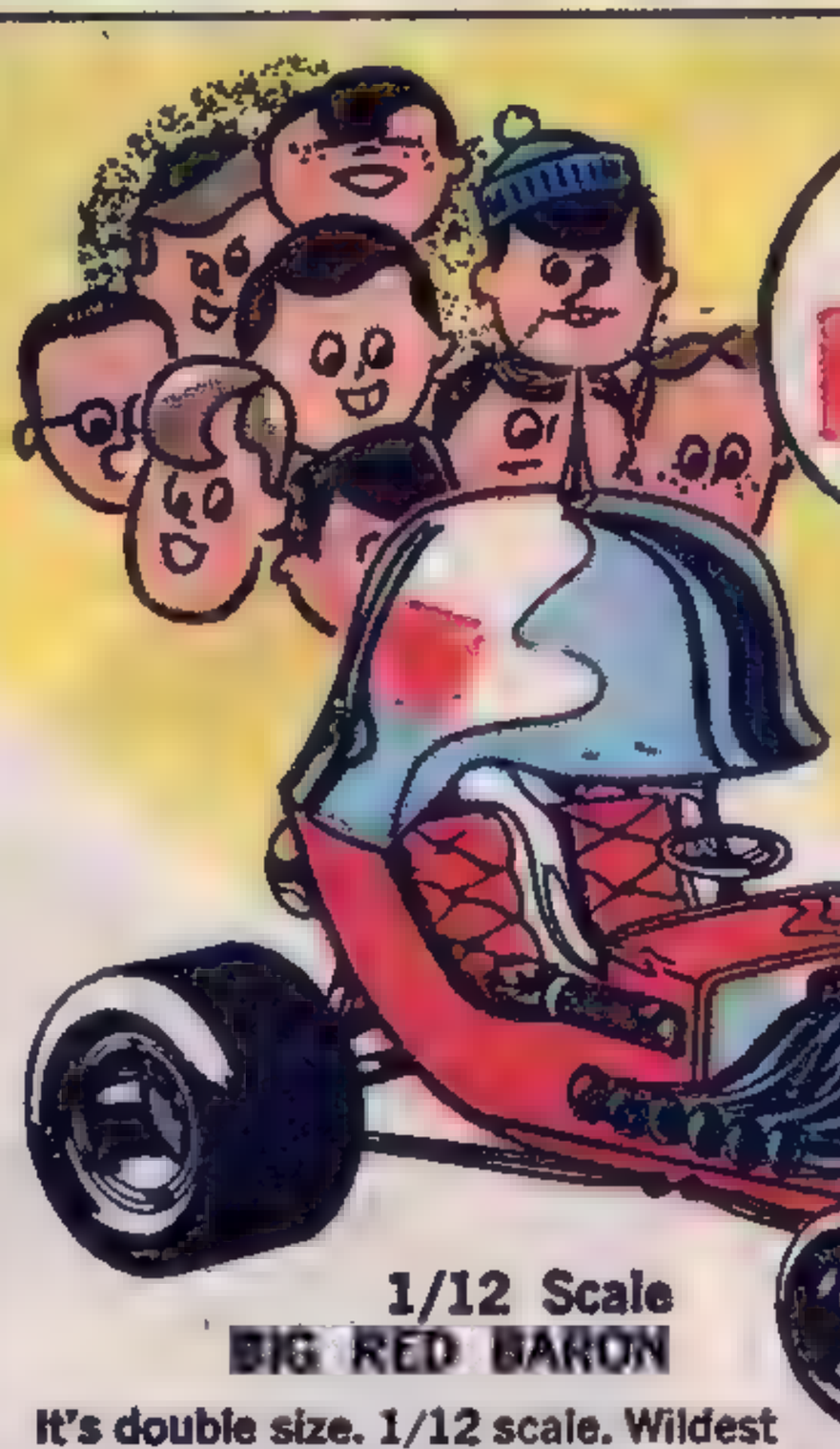
EVEN AS SHE KAYOES THE OFFICER, HIS GROPING HAND UN-MASKS HER AS MISS BARBOUR... THE BLONDE BLOCK-BUSTER...

THEN THE CRIMINAL QUINTET MAKES A RAPID GETAWAY...

THAT MISS BARBOUR IS A REAL *POWER-HOUSE*--AND SHE SAVED ME THE TROUBLE OF GETTING THE POLICE OFF THEIR BACKS!

NOW TO FOLLOW THEM --BACK TO *MAXOM!*

SO IT LOOKS LIKE A SHOW-DOWN IS IN THE WORKS! YOU'LL SEE IT IN *PART III*



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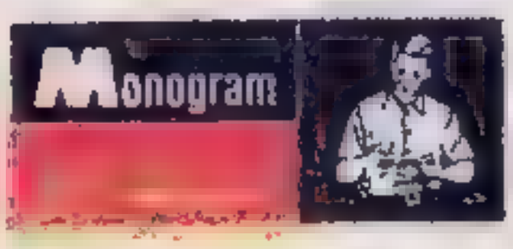

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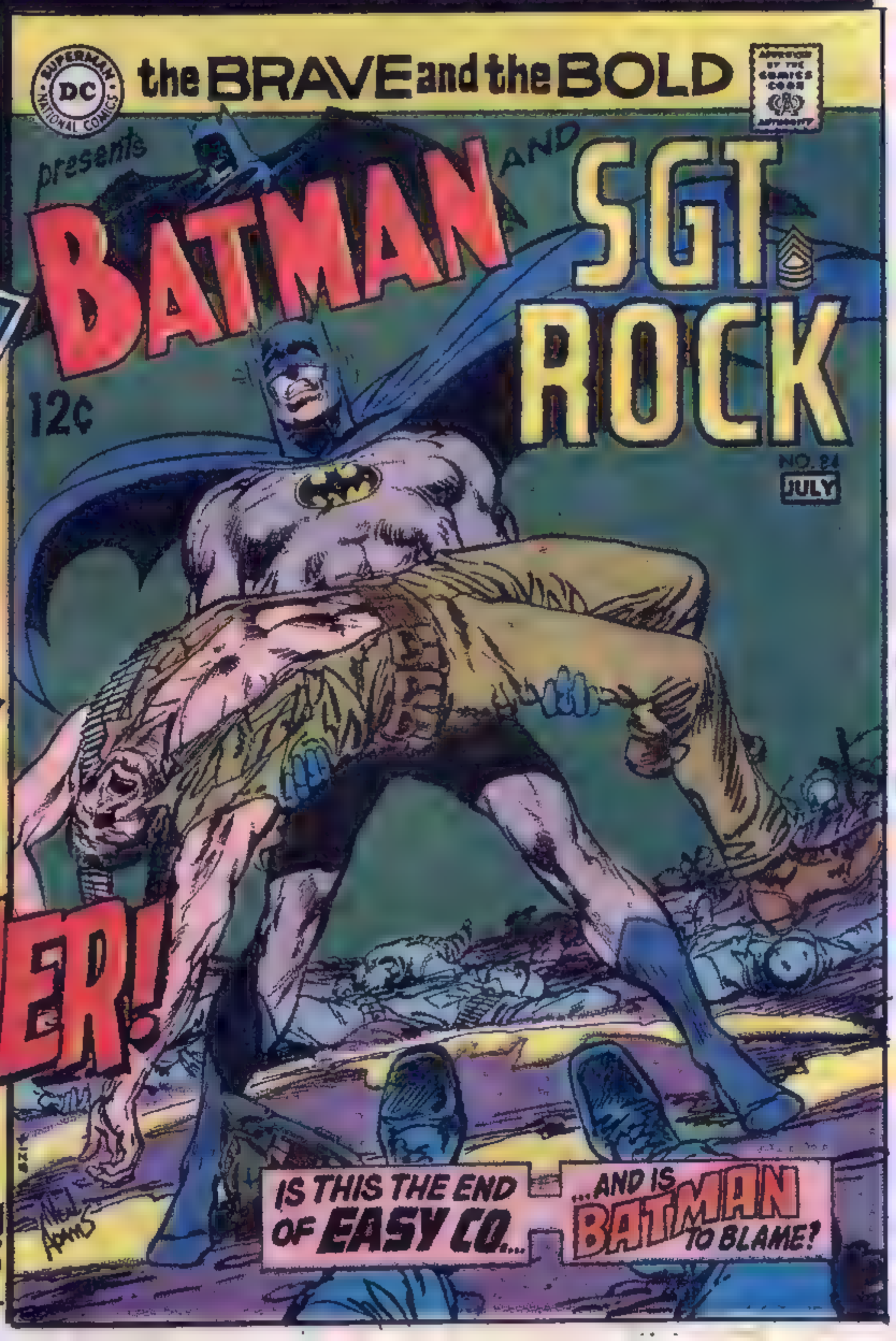

PART III THE GIRL OF STEEL STEALS!

SOON, BACK AT THE SCHOOL...

HURRY ALONG! REPORT TO THE DE-BRIEFING ROOM!

YES, TELIX!

TELIX? THAT SETTLES THE QUESTION...MAXOM IS SOMEHOW MAKING HIS STUDENTS ROB FOR HIM!

I COULD NAB HIM WITH THE LOOT... BUT I CAN'T PROVE THE GIRLS' INNOCENCE TILL I KNOW HOW HE CONTROLS THEM!

LINDA DANVERS WILL HAVE TO BE PROMOTED TO THE ADVANCED CLASS!

IN THE NIGHTS THAT FOLLOW, LINDA, AIDED BY HER SUPER-POWERS, BECOMES THE SCHOOL'S TOP PUPIL...

THIS IS A MARKTON, .38 CALIBER! I CAN TELL FROM THE WAY IT'S BALANCED!

AMAZING! AND YOU DID IT BLINDFOLDED! YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF HAND-WEAPONS IS UTTERLY FANTASTIC!

EXCELLENT, DANVERS! YOUR AIM IS PERFECT! THAT'S YOUR TENTH TOGS IN A ROW WITHOUT A MISS!

SOON...

I KNOW WE USUALLY WAIT A FEW WEEKS BEFORE PROMOTING A GIRL, BUT...

...BUT DANVERS HAS REAL TALENT! WE CAN USE HER ON OUR NEXT... "FIELD ASSIGNMENT"!

STILL, BARBOUR DID WELL ON THE LAST JOB!

SO WE'LL MATCH DANVERS AGAINST BARBOUR! THE WINNER WILL HEAD OUR NEXT FIELD TEAM... TONIGHT!

SHORTLY, THE TWO GIRLS ARE PITTED AGAINST EACH OTHER IN HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT...

I WONDER WHY MAXOM'S THROWING THE DANVERS GIRL AGAINST ME?

BEGIN!

NOW THAT I HAVE THE *PROOF* I NEED, I'LL BE ABLE TO "UNMASK" MYSELF AND EXPOSE MAXOM'S PHONEY SET-UP *TONIGHT!*

SO I WON'T WASTE ANY TIME! I'LL KNOCK THIS GIRL OFF HER FEET *FAST!*

IT SEEMS THE MYSTERY GIRL HAS PLANS OF HER OWN! BUT SHE DOESN'T KNOW HER OPPONENT IS *SUPERGIRL!*

OOPS! HAVE TO BE MORE CAREFUL! SHE'S *QUICK!*

?!? THAT BLOW WOULD HAVE KAYOED A *HALFBACK!* WHAT'S THIS GIRL MADE OF, ANY-WAY? *STEEL?*

HER GRIP--LIKE A *VISE!* SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO TIRE, EITHER... AND *I'M* NEARLY *EXHAUSTED!*

FINALLY, UNAWARE THAT SHE IS TRYING TO OUT-FIGHT THE *WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL*, THE BLONDE SLEUTH SLUMPS TO THE MAT FROM FATIGUE...

DANVERS WINS! REPORT TO THE BRIEFING ROOM, WITH THE OTHERS CHOSEN FROM THE *ADVANCED GROUP!*

BINGO! BARBOUR ISN'T HURT, JUST OUT COLD! SHE'S SOME *FIGHTER!*

MOMENTS LATER...

JUST SIT BACK AND RELAX! THIS WON'T TAKE LONG!

WHAT'S WITH THE CRAZY OUTFIT? LOOKS LIKE IT'S COVERED WITH LITTLE *MIRRORS!*

SUDDENLY, THE LIGHTS DIM—WITH SURPRISING RESULTS...

YOU WILL HEAR ONLY *ME!* MY VOICE NOW FILLS EVERY RECESS OF YOUR BRAIN! MY CODE-NAME IS *TELIX!*

I THOUGHT SO! *MASS HYPNOTISM...* USING THOSE MIRRORS! I'LL PRETEND TO GO UNDER LIKE THE OTHERS!

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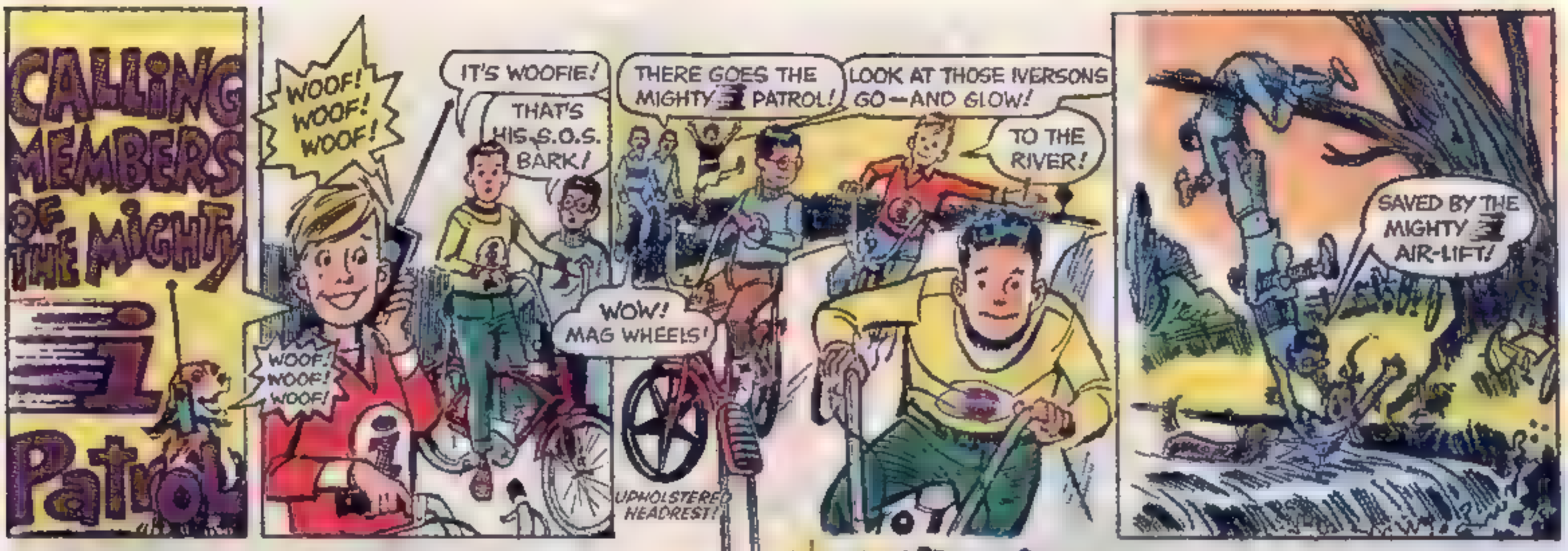
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CLEVER! HE KNOWS THEY WON'T STEAL, EVEN UNDER HYPNOSIS, SO HE TELLS THEM IT'S NOT A *REAL* THEFT! AND HE MAKES SURE NONE OF THEM WILL TALK IF CAUGHT!

GO NOW! YOU HAVE EXACTLY 90 MINUTES TO COMPLETE YOUR ASSIGNMENT! MISS DANVERS, YOU ARE IN CHARGE OF THE OPERATION!

YES, *TELIX!*

SOON, UNDER LINDA'S COMMAND, THE *SLEUTH* TEAM REACHES ITS DESTINATION, AND...

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THE EXPLOSIVE DID ITS JOB... NOW *WE* DO *OURS!*

I'LL REPAIR THE DAMAGE AND RETURN THE MONEY LATER! IT'S IMPORTANT THE GIRLS FULFILL AT LEAST *THIS* PART OF *MAXOM'S* COMMANDS! OTHERWISE, THEY MIGHT FORGET... LIKE THE OTHERS!

MOMENTS LATER...

THE SOONER WE SPLIT THIS SCENE, THE BETTER! I HAVE AN IMPORTANT STOP BEFORE OUR 1:00 O'CLOCK APPOINTMENT WITH MAXOM!

100,000

BUT JUST THEN, TROUBLE APPEARS...IN THE FORM OF A FIGURE IN RED AND BLUE...

GOOD! I'VE FINALLY SPOTTED THAT FEMALE GANG THE POLICE HAVE BEEN AFTER!

BUT...GREAT STARS! MY X-RAY VISION SHOWS THE LEADER IS LINDA DANVERS... MY COUSIN, *SUPERGIRL!*

SWIFTLY, THE DISGUISED *GIRL OF STEEL* ACTS...

HURRY... INTO THE CAR! *SUPERMAN* WON'T BOTHER US! I'LL BE WITH YOU IN A SECOND!

AN INSTANT LATER, LINDA PULLS AWAY FROM THE SCENE AT BREAKNECK SPEED...

SUPERMAN'S BACK THERE-- BUT HE'S NOT CHASING US! WHY?

HE...UH... REALIZES THIS ISN'T A *REAL* ROBBERY, OF COURSE! NO MORE QUESTIONS!

SUPERGIRL CARVED A *MESSAGE* IN THE SIDEWALK WITH HER SUPER-HARD FINGERNAIL... SO TINY ONLY *I* CAN SEE IT, WITH MY MICROSCOPIC VISION! OKAY... I'LL GIVE HER A FREE HAND!

IT'S ALL RIGHT! I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING! SUPERGIRL

AT 1:00 A.M. SHARP, THE THIEF TEAM RETURNS TO THE SCHOOL...

THERE ARE ONLY FOUR OF YOU! WHERE'S DANVERS?

SHE...JUST WALKED OUT ON US, *TELIX!*

BUT WE CARRIED OUT OUR ASSIGN-MENT! AND NOW WE'LL *FINISH* IT!

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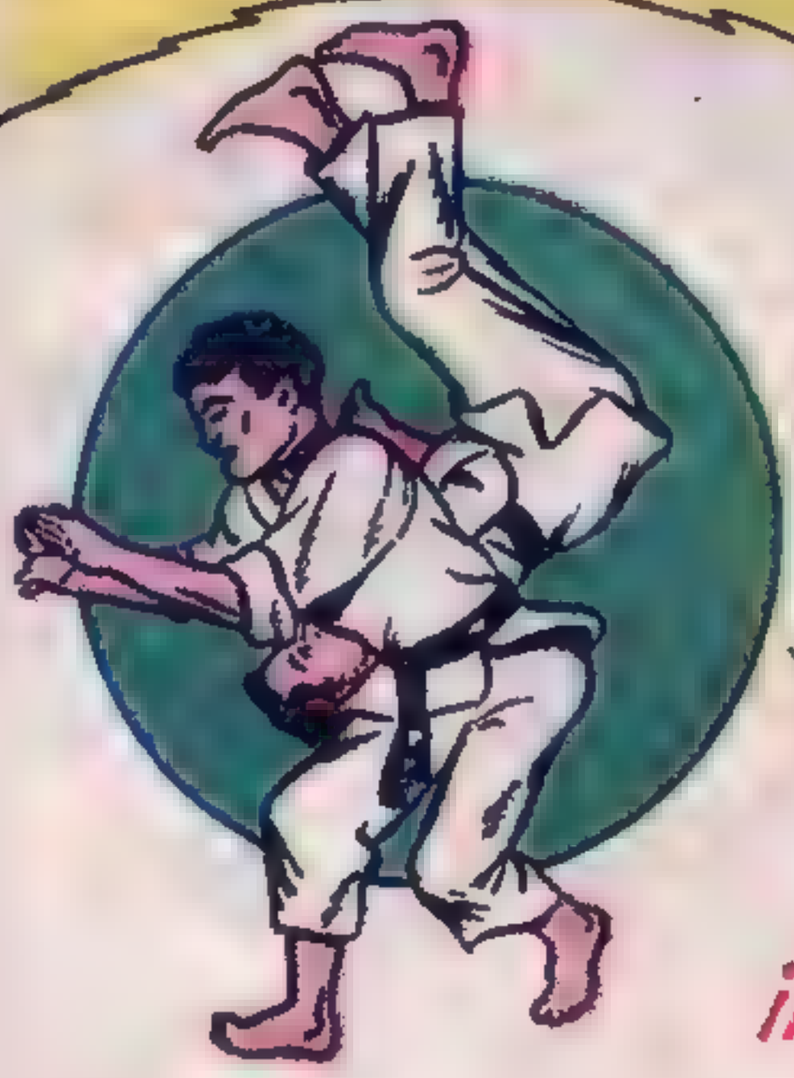

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HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I ORDER YOU TO GET BACK!

NO CHANCE, *TELIX!* WE'RE NOT UNDER YOUR HYPNOTIC SPELL ANY MORE!

YOU'VE MADE FOOLS OUT OF US FOR THE LAST TIME, BUSTER!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT WENT WRONG, BUT THERE ARE ONLY FOUR OF YOU! YOU CAN'T OUT-FIGHT MY *ENTIRE STAFF!*

THEY DON'T *HAVE* TO...

SUPERGIRL!

I DOUBT YOU'LL GET MUCH HELP FROM YOUR ASSISTANTS NOW--THEY'RE ALL *TIED UP* FOR THE MOMENT!

JUST THEN, ANOTHER FIGURE SHOWS UP... *LINDA!*

HI! THIS IS MY *FIRST LOOK* AT YOUR SET-UP! *SUPERGIRL* POSED AS ME TO GET THE GOODS ON YOU!

I HAD TO FLY BACK TO *STANHOPE* TO PICK UP MY *LINDA ROBOT*, BUT IT WAS WORTH IT! NOW NO ONE WILL SUSPECT MY DOUBLE IDENTITY!

SUPERGIRL, DISGUISED AS LINDA, PRETENDED TO BE UNDER YOUR SPELL UNTIL WE FINISHED THE JOB!

THEN SHE USED HER OWN *SUPER-HYPNOTISM* TO BREAK OUR TRANCE! SHE EXPLAINED HOW YOU'D TRICKED US!

BUT MAXOM'S HAND STEALS INSIDE HIS VEST, AND...

IF I CAN JUST PUSH THE RIGHT BUTTON ON MY PORTABLE *REMOTE-CONTROL* DEVICE...

INSTANTS LATER...

SUPERGIRL, LOOK OUT! MAXOM HAS ACTIVATED TWO OF HIS ROBOT ZOMBIES!

TOO BAD! I'LL JUST HAVE TO TURN THEM INTO JUNK!

WRONG, *SUPERGIRL!* FOR THE ROBOTS OPEN PANELS IN THEIR HEADS, TO REVEAL...

OHHH! THE PAIN! IT'S MY ONE WEAKNESS... *KRYPTONITE!*

I WAS READY FOR *SUPERMAN*... OR YOU, *SUPERGIRL*-- SO I EQUIPPED MY ROBOT-THUGS WITH *KRYPTONITE*, JUST IN CASE!

ALTHOUGH THE GIRLS TRY DESPERATELY TO SAVE THE DYING *MAID OF MIGHT*...

PUSH THEM AWAY... *OOFF!*

HA, HA, HA!

THEY'RE *TOO STRONG!*

BUT SUDDENLY, ANOTHER DYNAMIC FIGURE MAKES A SWOOPING ENTRANCE...

IT'S *BATGIRL!*

YOU OKAY, HONEY?

Y-YES! I'M OUT OF RANGE OF THE *KRYPTONITE* NOW... MY STRENGTH IS RETURNING!

AND A DEVASTATING BLAST OF *SUPER-BREATH* PROVES IT!...

THAT PUTS *THEM* OUT OF COMMISSION, *PERMANENTLY!*

GOOD NIGHT, MAXOM, FROM *MISS BARBOUR!*

SO **YOU** WERE THAT BLONDE GIRL! YOU'D BEEN DOING UNDER-COVER WORK HERE, TOO, EH?

YES! I ONLY WOKE UP A SHORT TIME AGO...I REALLY KNOCKED MYSELF OUT FIGHTING YOU WHEN YOU POSED AS LINDA!

SO YOU HAD THE EVIDENCE ...AND PLANNED TO CATCH HIM RED-HANDED ON HIS NEXT JOB! YOU'D HAVE NABBED HIM *WITHOUT* MY HELP!

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Dear Editor:

The word is out that Supergirl will soon take over ADVENTURE COMICS. Now, it goes without saying that "The Legion Outpost" won't do as a title for the letter department in the Girl of Steel's magazine. So how about giving us readers a crack at dreaming up a new name? That's what you did with the letter column in WORLD'S FINEST a few years ago. You could send a special gift to the winner—maybe a picture of Supergirl, autographed by the artist—or an autographed copy of the magazine. How about it?

—Lon Harris, Coffeyville, Kan.

(Sounds like a good idea to us, Lon. As you can see, we have a temporary title for the column, but we think one of you fans out there can come up with a better one. So send 'em in—and the winning name will mean a special surprise gift for the fan who submits it.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

It's hard to believe that ten years have passed since Supergirl debuted in ACTION No. 252 (May, 1959). And today she's the most popular heroine in the comics world! How well I remember the important events in her life! Before being adopted by her foster parents, Fred and Edna Danvers, Linda Lee spent two years at Midvale Orphanage. There she met Dick Malverne, one of her present day boy friends. Other guys in her life include Jerro the Merboy, of Atlantis, and Brainiac 5, of the Legion of Super-Heroes. Since her existence was revealed to the world in ACTION 285, Supergirl has proved herself equal in every way to her cousin Superman. Now that she's a mature young co-ed at Stanhope College, what does the future hold for Supergirl? What job will she take when she leaves college? Will she ever marry? When will she get her own mag?

—Peter Flaherty, Cardenden, Fife, Scotland

(She has it, Pete—and this is the first issue! From now on, ADVENTURE is Supergirl's magazine. We're leading off with a novel written for this history-making issue by Cary Bates, and illustrated by the team of Win Mortimer and Jack Abel. Next month, Kurt Schaffenberger will be back doing the art honors, on another Bates novel—concerning a mysterious stranger whose identity you'll never guess!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I liked issue No. 372 of ACTION. But one thing puzzles me. In the Supergirl story, Linda splashes a fish out of water. Wasn't this a violation of her code against killing?

—Sherri Krynski, Culver City, Calif.

(Did you see the fish die? Did we say no one put it back in the water? No! But aside from this, we don't want to carry the code against killing to the point of absurdity. In fact, that was the whole idea of "No Mercy for Supergirl," in the March ACTION.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

There is something wrong with the way Supergirl keeps her Linda robot hidden in a hollow tree. It might be discovered. For instance, what would happen if some lumberjacks cut down the trees in the forest?

—Larry Lepus, Baltimore, Md.

(They'd be arrested! That is a forest preserve, where it's illegal to cut trees.—Ed.)

Dear Editor:

ACTION 373 was beautifully done and is one of my favorite Giants. The only thing wrong with it was Streaky's behavior in "The Battle of the Super-Pets." I have never seen him so jealous before. Also, why didn't Supergirl take the growth ray that made Streaky into a giant back to Earth with her? It could have enlarged Kandor, couldn't it?

—Tom Flexner, Memphis, Tenn.

(It might have—but since it was the result of Mr. Mxyzptlk's magic, it couldn't have lasted. In fact, when Supergirl was on that planetoid, the Silly Sprite was pestering Superman on Earth. And when the Man of Might tricked the imp into saying his name backward, which sent him home to the 5th Dimension, all his magic vanished—including the ray.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Great heavens! The Supergirl story in ACTION 372 was like others I have enjoyed, but don't you think a writer should dig up a few facts about animals before he puts them in a story? First, one measly piranha doesn't attack a huge, splashing object without several companions along to help. And second, don't you know a snake (especially a well-treated "sacred snake") doesn't just attack a human? Snakes are scared to death of us. No snake in its right mind would attack a wild, thrashing figure such as Linda made when she tripped. And a snake that size couldn't "crush an ox to a pulp." The biggest snake in the world couldn't "crush a person to a pulp." A python kills by constriction, meaning it merely cuts off circulation and breathing. Finally, anyone would laugh at Linda's claim that "the music of the pipes lulled him (the python) to sleep." Snakes don't have ears to hear with. Also, Kurt Schaffenberger showed the snake with half-closed eyelids. Anyone every tell Kurt that snakes have no eyelids? Well, now that I've finished cutting you to shreds, I'll say that the art was great and in spite of the mistakes, it was a good story.

—Eric Christensen, Fresno, Calif.

(Suppose we just say, then, that the piranha and the python were so hungry they were out of their minds—and the people in the story didn't have your knowledge of snake lore?—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

There's only one thing wrong with the cover of GIANT SUPERGIRL G-57. There are *six* Supermen on the cover, but only *five* Supergirls. The artwork on Kara was terrific, though, and both the issue and the cover were just grand. I already had three of the stories, but the other two, plus the cover, were well worth 25¢.

—Bobby Leroy Crook, Cobb, Ga.

(Strange—you're the first person to notice that Superman had his cousin outnumbered on that cover—even if five of the Supermen were really Emergency Squad members from Kandor. The reason it wasn't so obvious? The largest Superman figure is smaller than the smallest Supergirl.—Ed.)

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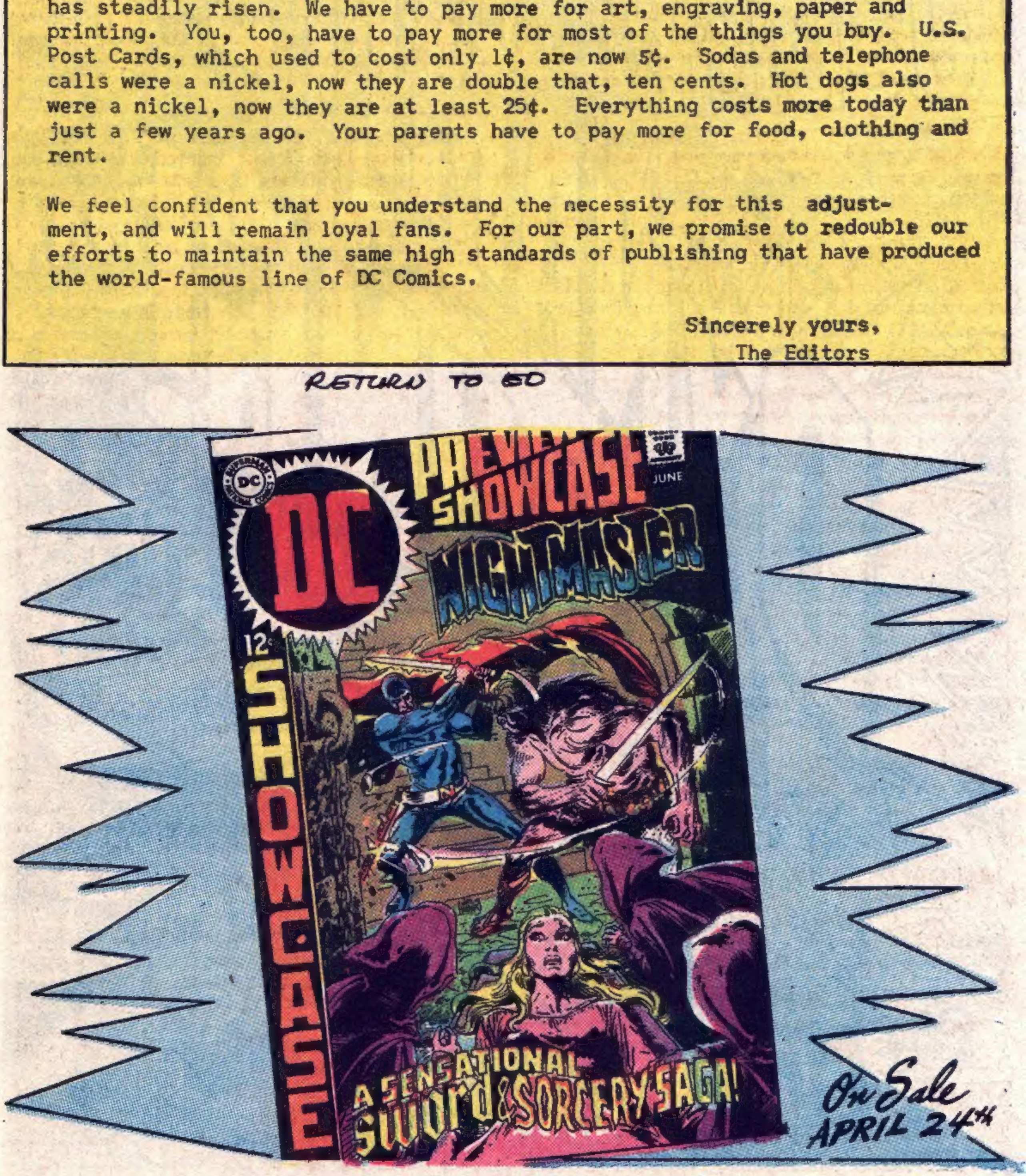

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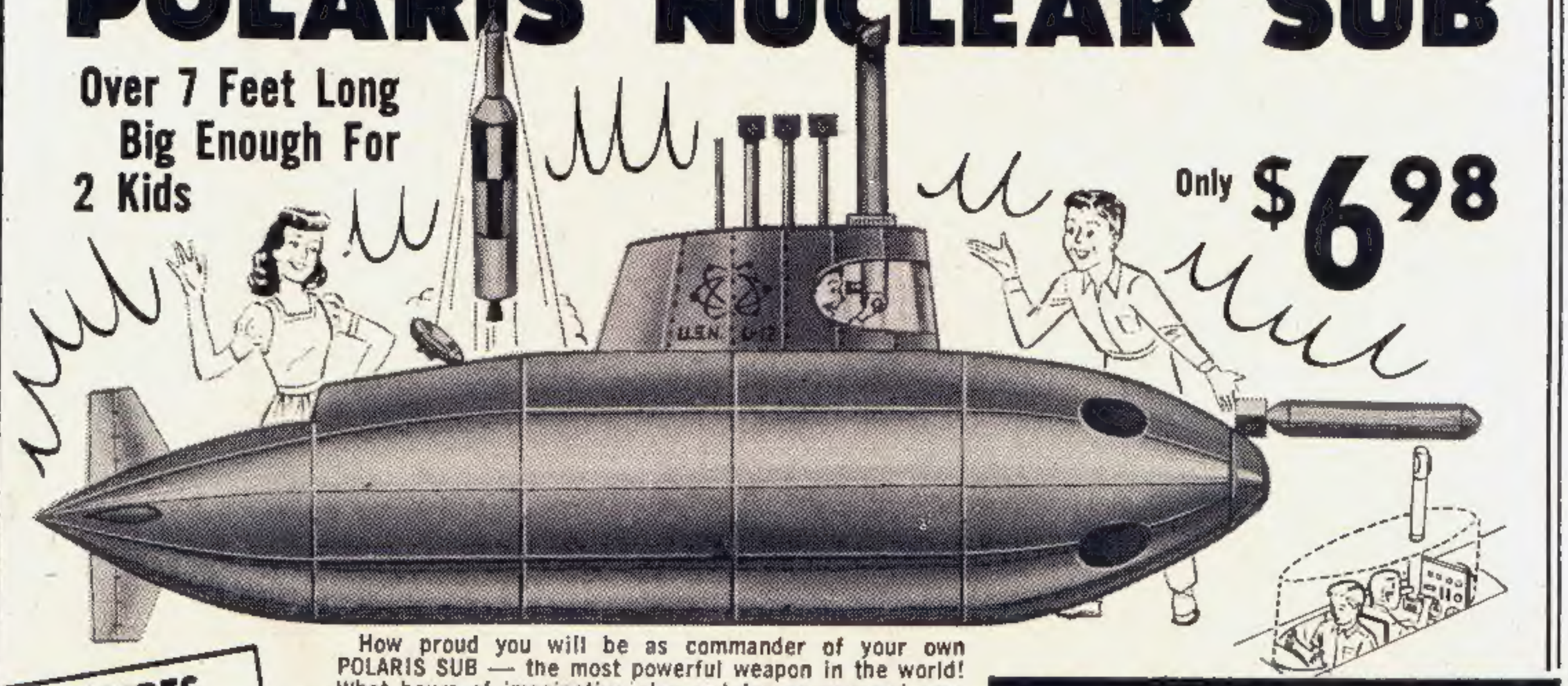

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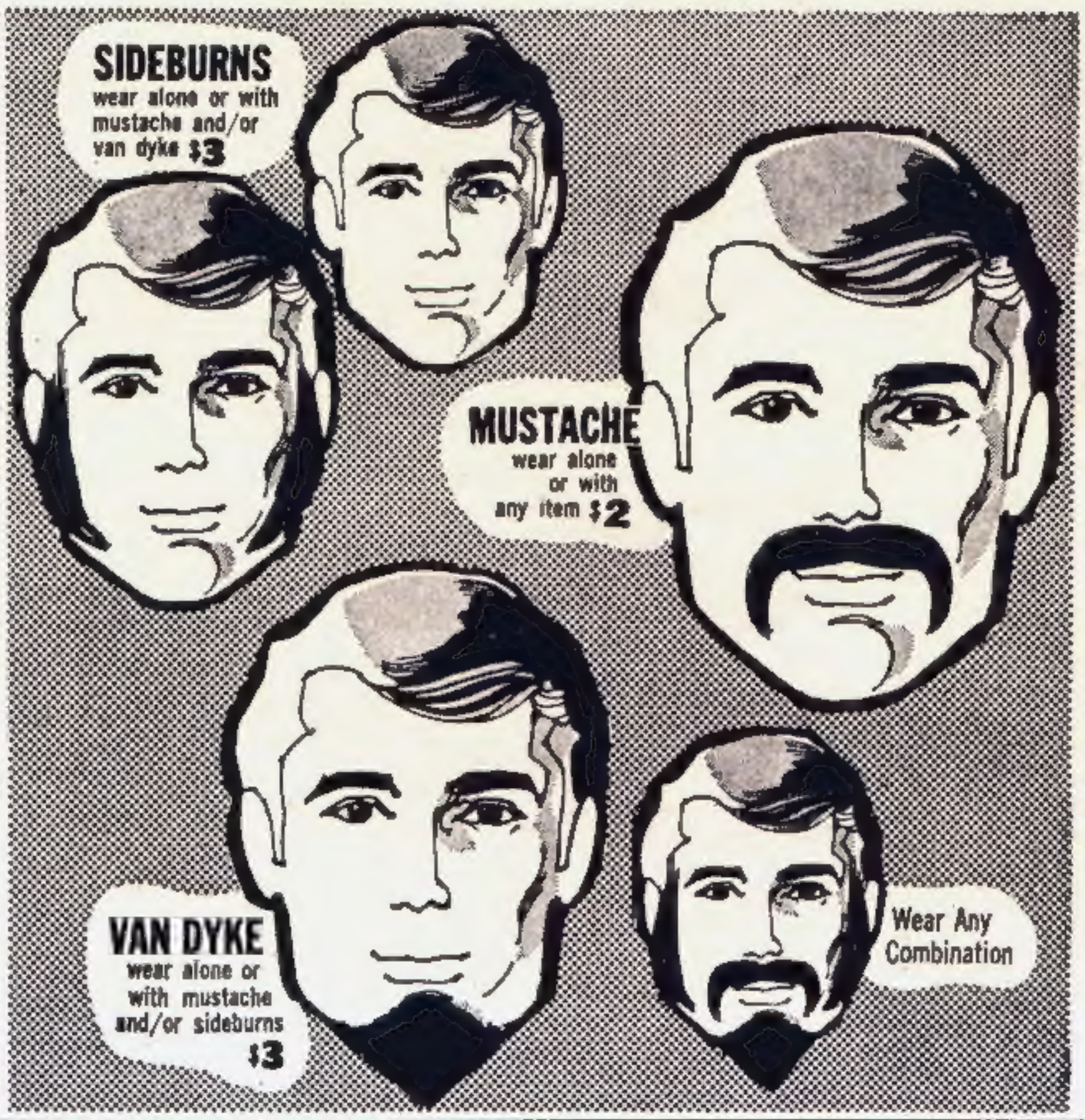
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